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TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Irvin Corley, Jr., Fiscal Analysis Director *ICJ.*
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RE: Minority Contractors and Detroit Construction (**Neighborhood and Community Services Standing Committee Line Item #5**)

At the November 8, 2007 meeting of the Neighborhood and Community Services Standing Committee, President Pro-Tem Conyers asked the Fiscal Analysis Division to find information on the number of minority firms and individuals, in addition to Detroit residents, that have been and are currently working on the host of construction projects in the city and in the downtown area that have received City funds or incentives. The Human Rights Department is the entity in the City that monitors levels of minority firms and hires for any and all construction projects that involve City funds (City financed and or tax incentives), which include over 100 projects.

The Department of Human Rights website states the following, "Equal employment opportunity in Detroit is further encouraged through the division's monitoring and reporting on hiring practices through Public Act 146 (Obsolete Property Tax Abatements) & 198 (Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Law). We seek ways to more effectively promote Detroit resident representation within the construction skilled trade industry."

Given the fact that the Human Rights Department has the responsibility of gathering the requested data, we respectfully request that the Human Rights Department provide the Council with the aforementioned data in one week.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

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